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Julie, I had intended to attend today's hearing, but changed my mind last night after the amount of snow we got out here in Vernal, plus concerns about roads as well. While I believe I would have eventually gotten to Salt Lake, I did not wish to take any unnecessary safety risks as well.

In reviewing the Docket items which affect Federal or Indian mineral interests, would like to provide you some information that I hope you can get to the Board before the hearing.

Docket 2013-017, Cause 259-03: QEP Energy Company for flaring of gas. I am assuming that this has been withdrawn. As a matter of explanation, our office experienced a delay in receiving a concurrence to consultation initiated with the US Fish & Wildlife Service over T&E cactus. Part of the delay was due to the shut-down, then apparently the Service misplaced the consultation sent to them by our office. Our office was able to approve the pipeline project the day after we finally got concurrence from the Service. And our understanding was that QEP was ready to begin construction as soon as an approval was given.

Docket 2013-031, Cause 127-06: Summit Energy for drilling of additional wells. Our office has already provided a letter in support of this proposal.

Docket 2013-034, Cause 131-136: Crescent Point Energy for extending Board's Orders entered in Cause 131-14 and 131-24. It is my understanding that this Docket is continued.

Docket 2013-036, Cause 139-113: Newfield Production Company for 1280 acre drilling units. There are Indian trust mineral interests within the proposed spacing area. While I am aware that the Division has several concerns that they are desiring to get answers to from Newfield today, our office - acting on behalf of the Indian trust mineral interests, is supportive of the proposal.

Docket 2013-035, Cause 139-112: Newfield Production Company for an Exception Location for the Fausett 4-13-3-2WH well. According to information available to our office, there is a 40 acre tract of Indian trust minerals within the spacing unit that would share in the production from the well should it be drilled. As such, acting on behalf of those Indian trust mineral interests, our office is supportive of the proposal.

If there are any questions, please get back with me. Again, I apologize that I will not be there today.

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